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Report of the Prudential Committe of the First Parish, or Congregational Society for 1917

The Prudential Committe met Jan. 18, 1917 at the residence of Deacon E. B. Brown and organized. E. B. Brown was chosen chairman and W. S. Spooner clerk.

It was voted to employ Mrs. F. E. Brown as chorister and organist for the year at the same salary as last year (one hundred dollars) and E. B. Brown was authorized to arrange with her accordingly.

F. M. Laurence was elected janitor at a salary of $10.00 a month until April 1, 1917.

It was voted to ask the treasurer, C. B. Brown, to present to the committe a statement of all bills against the society or Parish on Jan. 1, 1917; also a list of all the assets of the Parish; also a list of insurance policies on Parish property, with date of expiration of each.

At the meeting of the committe Jan. 25, 1917 C. B. Brown reported, as requested, advising the committe as to the probable expenses of the year and the amounts that might be reasonably expected to come in

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to meet expenses with.

It was voted to authorize the treasurer to pay amount alleged as due on the two shares of the St. Louis & San Francisco R.R. stock held by the Parish.

It was voted to employ Mr. Upham to superintend the repairs on the horse sheds, Mr. Upham to be assisted by voluntary help, by members of the Parish.

It was voted to appoint a committee to investigate and bring in its recommendations in regard to the "Pastoral Library" Committee W. S. Shoonover
E. B. Brown
W. A. Eglebrook

It was also voted that the prudential committee recommend to the Parish that it discontinue the insurance on the "Pastoral Library"

Several day meetings were held at the house shed and church to determine what repairs were advisable.

The committee voted to authorize its chairman, E. B. Brown, to forward protest against income tax. But the tax was paid by the treasurer without referring the matter further to the committee.

On resignation of F. N. Lawrence as janitor the committee voted to employ Frederick Bissell at a salary of $8.00 per month and Bissell to take charge April 1.

At a meeting at the residence of F. M. Lawrence (who was ill) on Oct 4, 1917 it was voted to authorize the Treasurer to purchase a registered "Liberty Bond" of one thousand dollars using therefor funds received from the Dathrop bequest

Respectfully submitted

William S. Spooner

Clerk of Prudential Committee.

Brimfield, Mass.

April 10, 1919

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William S. Spooner

Report of the Prudential Committee of First Parish or Congregational Society for 1918.

The members of the Prudential committee of the First Parish or Congregational Society met January 29th 1918 at the residence of E. B. Brown and organized. E. B. Brown was chosen chairman and W. S. Spooner was chosen clerk.

It was voted to employ the Rev. W. A. Estabrook for another year at the same salary as last year. (One hundred dollars besides use of parsonage, etc.)

It was voted to employ Mrs. F. E. Brown as chorister and organist for the coming year at a salary of $100.00 and E. B. Brown was authorized to arrange with her accordingly.

It was voted to employ Frederick Bissell for the coming year as janitor at a salary of Eighty five dollars ($85.00) for the entire year.

In order to save fuel in heating for the Wednesday evening meetings it was voted to authorize E. B. Brown and Frederick Bissell to make necessary arrangements and have a stove set up in the "Ladies Parlor."

In accord with a vote of the Parish taken at a special meeting authorizing the Prudential committee to purchase a (4th) Liberty Bond the committe voted to authorize the treasurer to buy a registered bond of one thousand dollars the funds for which to be taken from the amount on deposit in the Monson Savings Bank

The committe authorized the purchase of around twenty cords of hard wood from Oliver Howlett at seven dollars per cord. This is four foot wood and is located at the Jamer O'Neill switch.

Brimfield Mass.
April 10, 1919.

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William S. Spooner.

Report of the Prudential Committee of the First Parish

1919.

The first meeting of the Prudential Committee was held in the church, Jan. 6, 19. Mr. E. B. Brown was elected chairman, Mr. C. M. Robinson clerk, and H. C. Norcross secretary. It was voted to purchase an account book for the secretary from the funds of the Parish. It was voted that all funds should pass through the hands of the secretary into the Parish. C. M. Robinson was appointed to look up pledge cards and report at a future meeting. The meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry C. Norcross.

A meeting of the Prudential Committee was held at the home of Mr. E. B. Brown. The town was divided up between the members to solicit. Mr. Campbell was appointed to have blanks for soliciting made out. It was decided to look at settees in the horse shed and judge their value so as to set a price on like settees belonging to the church which are at Monson. It was voted to fix the door to the storehouse in the horse shed and put a lock on it. Mr. Robinson was appointed to see the gentleman in Monson who wishes to buy the settees and report at future meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry C. Norcross.

Bernfield Jan. 22 1920

A meeting of the Industrial committee was held at the store of C.H. Robinson Jan 22 1920 a full board present. Edward Bonn was elected chairmen and C.H. Robinson clerk.

A motion was made, and seconded to make arrangements to raise money for the current years expenses

A motion was made, and seconded that C.B. Bonn be authorized to get prices on circular letters, and to purchase - what ever was needed

C.H. Robinson Clerk

Report of the Prudential Committee of the Parish Parish 1921.

Springfield Mass. Jan. 10, 1921.

At a Parish meeting held Saturday evening, Jan. 12, a Prudential Committee consisting of the following members were elected - viz.
Edward B. Bowen, Fred A. Lawrence, Bert Campbell, Fred Burrell and Martha C. Shuster

Saturday evening, Jan. 15, the Prudential Committee was called to gether at Mr. E. B. Bowens for the purpose of organization; all being present except Mr. Lawrence.
Mr. E. B. Bowen was elected Chairman and Martha C. Shuster Secretary.

Voted to purchase a sufficient quantity of wood for use at the church. The matter being left in the hands of Mr. Edward B. Bowen and Mr. B. C. Campbell.

Voted to authorize the Secretary to remodel the subscription letter sent out last year, thereby making a new form to be sent out this year.

Voted to adjourn to the call of the Chairman.
Martha C. Shuster Sec'y.

Springfield Mass., Feb. 17, 1921.
The Prudential Committee met at Mr. Fred Lawrence's to direct members for the subscription letters to be sent out. All were present.

Voted to purchase dry wood if favorable without of present wood of Mr. Edward Bowen.
The meeting adjourned to the call of the Chairman.
Martha C. Shuster, Sec'y.

Brimfield, Mass., Nov. 192..

A meeting of the Prudential Committee was held at Mrs. Streeter to talk over Parish expenses and to make out a list of those subscribers who had failed to pay their subscriptions. The members were all present with the exception of Mr. Lawrence. Each member of the Committee was asked to interview certain ones in regard to non-payment of subscriptions.

The meeting adjourned.

Martha E. Streeter, Secy.

Brimfield, Mass., December 26, 1921

A meeting of the Prudential Committee was held at Mrs. Streeter, all members present with the exception of Mr. Lawrence and Mr. B. E. Campbell.

The object of the meeting was to see about getting out a warrant for the Annual Parish Meeting.

Voted to authorize Mr. E. B. Brown to attend to purchasing coal for the Church.

Voted to adjourn to the call of the Clerk.

Martha E. Streeter, Secy.

Report of the Prudential Committee of the
First Parish 1922.

At the Annual Parish meeting held Jan. 4, 1922,
the following Prudential Committee was elected. viz-
Mr. E. B. Brown. Mr. Fred Bissell. Mr. Clarin Hicks,
Mrs. Fred Lawrence and Mrs. M. E. Shuter.

Jan. 8, 1922.

A meting of the Prudential Committee was held
at the home of Mr. E. B. Brown on Monday even-
ing, Jan. 30, 1922.
At this meting Mr. E. B. Brown was elected
chairman and Mrs. Martha Shuter secretary of
the committee for the year.
Ways and means for raising the money appro-
priated at the annual Parish meeting for
Parish expenses were discussed and it was
finally decided to make a house to house
canvas.
Voted to authorize Mr. Clarence Brown to solicit
from all of the out-of town members.
Voted that each member of the Prudential Committee take
a certain section of the town from which to solicit.
The work was divided in the following manner.
Mr. Hicks — Prospect Hill, Palmer Road,
Hobbs Hill Lane.
Mrs. Lawrence — Tower Hill - Dunham Town.
Mr. E. B. Brown. — Little Rest. Stubridge Road.
Mr. Bissell — South Main Street. Water Road —
Page Hill and Haynes Hill.
Mrs. Shuter — North Main St. to Mrs. Corbin's, and
Brookfield Road to Mr. Boothe.
The meeting adjourned.
Martha E. Shuter Secy.

Dec. 27, 1922.

The Prudential Committee met at Mrs. Streeter's on the evening of Dec. 27th. The members present were Mr. S. B. Brown, Mr. Fred Bissell Mrs. Fred Lawrence and Mrs. Streeter. The business of the meeting was to draw up a Warrant for the Annual Parish meeting and to consider new articles to be placed in the Warrant.

Voted to request Mr. Colebrook to omit the usual Sunday evening prayer meeting so that the Annual Parish meeting could be held on that evening.

The meeting adjourned.

Martha E. Streeter Secy.

Several other meetings were held during the year, at which no important business was transacted.

M. E. Streeter.

Report of the Prudential Committee of the First Parish 1923.

At the Annual Parish meeting held Jan. 7, 1923 the following Prudential Committee was elected viz. Clarence B. Brown, Mrs. E. Lawrence, Mrs. Fred Lawrence, Mr. Albert Brown and Mrs. M. E. Streeter.

Jan. 21. 1923

A meeting of the Prudential Committee was held at Mrs. Streeter's. At this meeting Mr. Clarence Brown was elected President and Mrs. M. E. Streeter, Clerk.

Voted at this meeting to authorize Mr. Clarence Brown to borrow the necessary funds to pay all outstanding bills.

The various ways of collecting money for defraying current expenses were discussed, and it was finally voted to adopt the envelope system.

Voted to authorize Mr. Brown to purchase the envelopes.

The meeting adjourned.

Martha E. Streeter, Secy.

Feb. 14, 1923.

The Prudential Committee met at Mrs. Streeter's to make arrangements for the distribution of the envelopes for the collection of funds to defray current expenses. Each member of the Committee assumed his share of the distribution.

The meeting adjourned.

M. E. Streeter, Secy.

Nov. 7, 1903.

The Prudential Committee met at Mrs. Streeters Wednesday evening with all the members present except Mr. Landon. Expenses of the church and church property were discussed. Mr. Albert Brown reported that he had a plan to propose before the end of the year for raising money to defray future expenses. The matter of renting and repairing the horse sheds was discussed

Voted that Mr. Clarence Brown examine the deeds relating to the horse-sheds.

Reported by Mr. Clarence Brown that church insurance was due - $32.00

Ways and means of raising money to defray such expenses were discussed.

Voted to adjourn to the call of the Chairman for a meeting early in Dec.

Martha E. Streeter, Secy.

Report of the Prudential Committee of the First Parish. 1924.

At the Annual Parish meeting the following Prudential Committee was chosen. viz. Mr. Albert Brown Mr. Orrin Hicks, Mr. Clarence B. Brown, Mr. B. E. Campbell and Martha E. Streeter.

Brimfield, Mass. Jan. 10, 1924.

The Prudential Committee was called to meet at Mr. Albert Brown's on the above date. The members were all present. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Clarence Brown, and the Committee was organized as follows. Mr. Albert Brown was elected Chairman and Martha E. Streeter, Clerk.

The first business of the meeting was to determine the best ways and means of raising funds for the Parish expenses for the ensuing year, and after some discussion it was voted to continue the envelope system, for Mr. Clarence Brown reported that it worked successfully during the past year.

Voted to divide the town into five sections, assigning a certain section to each member of the committee, through which to distribute envelopes and collect funds for the necessary expenses.

The division was as follows. Little Rock Road and Hollow road was assigned to Mr. Albert Brown. Palmer road, Mill Lane and Prospect Hill to Mr. Orrin Hicks, Tower Hill and Wenham Road to Mr. Clarence Brown, Sturbridge road, Page Hill and Haynes Hill to Mr. B. E. Campbell, and North and South Main Streets to Mrs. Streeter.

Voted to reelect Mr. Walter Moore as janitor of the Church at the same salary, $100.00

Voted to appropriate $100.00 as organist salary for service on Sunday mornings.

Voted to leave the matter of employing a Chorister until some future meeting.

It was reported by Mr. Albert Brown that the Parsonage was in need of certain repairs, and it suggested that a committee of one be appointed to look after such needs. The Chairman was appointed as said committee.
The horse sheds were again under discussion, and it was suggested that the male members of the Prudential Committee investigate the matter and determine, if possible, what was best to be done with the sheds.
Voted to postpone any further action regarding the sheds until said examination had been made.
The meeting adjourned.
Martha E. Sleeper, Clerk.

January 16, 1924.
The Prudential Committee was called together at the Chairman's, Mr. Albert Brown's, Wednesday evening Jan. 16. for the purpose of selecting an organist for the Church. All the members of the committee were present also several members of the Standing Committee of the Church. Out of deference to Mr. Edward Brown, Chairman of the Standing Committee, Mr. Albert Brown invited him to preside at the joint meeting.
The business of the meeting was as follows. Miss. Edna Brown's letter stating that she did not wish to be considered as a candidate for organist was read.
After some discussion, a motion was made and seconded that the committee advertize for an organist, but the motion was not carried.
A motion was then made & adjourn, but was not carried. A motion was made and carried that Miss. Minnie Tarbell be invited to act as organist till April 1st.
Voted that the matter of extending this invitation to Miss. Tarbell be left in the hands of the Chairman of the Prudential Committee and a member of the Standing Committee of the Church. Mr. Clarence Brown was chosen as such member.

Moved and carried that the Treasurer of the Parish Mr. Clarence Brown and Mr. B. E. Campbell negotiate with Rev. Robert E. Campbell regarding the pay for supplying the pulpit for several Sundays.
An offer to furnish fixtures for the Parlor and kitchen windows of the Church having been proceeded by the Ladies' Benevolent Society, it was voted to accept the offer.
Voted that a "vote of thanks" be extended to the Benevolent Society for their gift of $50.00 to the Parish.

The meeting adjourned.
Martha E. Shuler, Clerk.

January 29, 1924.

The Prudential Committee met at Mr. Elbert Brown's with all its members present with the exception of Mr. Orrin Hicks. The meeting was called because of a vote passed at a meeting of the Church on Sunday, Jan. 27. viz.
That a unanimous call be extended to Rev. Robert Campbell to act as Pastor of the Church for one year.
It was also voted that a meeting of the Parish committee be called, that it might concur with the vote of the Church.
On motion made by Mr. Clarence B. Brown, it was voted to fix the Pastor's salary for the same amount as had been paid for the past year. viz $1200.

Voted to adjourn.
Martha E. Shuler, Clerk.

March 8 1924

The Prudential Committee met at the Parsonage upon call of the Chairman, Mr. Albert Brown.
The members were all present. The business of the meeting was to plan for the work on the interior of the Parsonage.
Voted to engage Mr. Willard Hatherell to remove the paper from the walls and to paint the wood work. Voted to authorize Mrs. Shuler to confer with Mr. Calkins of Palmer in reference to hanging new paper and also to assist Rev. Robert Campbell in selecting wall paper.
Voted to authorize Mr. Albert Brown to attend to engaging workmen and purchasing supplies.
The meeting adjourned.
Martha E. Shuler, Clerk.

March 28, 1924.

A joint meeting of the Prudential and Standing Committee of the Church was held at Mr. Albert Brown's on the evening of March 28th. The members were all present, also Rev. Robert Campbell. Mr. Edward B. Brown was invited to preside. The meeting was called to decide upon an organist for the Church, as Mrs. Tarbell's engagement expired Apr. 1st. Mrs. Tarbell was nominated and elected for the remainder of the year provided she could use the organ after it was put into repair.
The matter of repairing the organ was discussed and it was voted to authorize the Secretary to correspond with Mr. Chapin of Monson in regard to repairs.
Voted to authorize the Parish Treasurer to borrow money to pay current expenses.
Voted to advance a portion of the Pastor's salary to help defray moving expenses.
The committee on horse-sheds having made their report, it was voted to permit Mr. Fred Lawrence to tear down the delapidated sheds on the west

side, leaving two sheds standing. Posts for a fence were to be separates. Voted to leave the matter of a fence until some future time.
Voted to permit the Benevolent society to place a new stove in the Parsonage kitchen.
The meeting adjourned.
Martha E. Streeter, Clerk.

August 5, 1924.
The Prudential Committee met at Mr. Albert Brown's all members being present, excepting Mr. Orrin Hicks. After the meeting was called to order by the Chairman, there was a somewhat lengthy discussion over the finances of the church. It was suggested by Mr. Albert Brown that each member of the committee try to raise twenty five dollars before Oct. 1st. The poor condition of the Parsonage sink was reported and it was voted to ask Mr. Louis Phillips to repair it if possible, and also to attend to the cleaning out of the chimney. As the question arose concerning the use of the church organ, Mrs. Streeter was requested to interview Mr. Edward Brown and find when it would be most convenient to call a joint meeting of the Prudential Committee and the Standing Committee of the church.
The meeting adjourned.
Martha E. Streeter, Clerk.

Aug. 9, 1924.

A meeting of the joint committee, viz Church and Prudential, was held in the church vestry. Those present were Mr. E. B Brown, Mr. Albert-Brown, Mr. Clarence Brown, Mr. B. E. Campbell and Mr. W. S. Shuter. The meeting was called to order and Mr. E. B. Brown presented a request for the removal of the two hore sheds at the east and of the north row, as he desired a new right-of way from his farm yard. After much discussion, Mr. Albert-Brown suggested that the matter be postponed for settlement until all the members of the committee were present. As the joint-committee meeting was called for the purpose of deciding whether or no the organ shall be used in the morning church service, Mr. B. E. Campbell made a motion that a committee of two be appointed to confer with Miss. Tisdell and inform her of a previous vote of the committee in reference to using the organ. The motion was amended by Mr. Albert-Brown that the committee of two be composed of Mr. B. E. Campbell and Mr. Clarence B. Brown. Mr. Clarence Brown refused to serve, but Mr. Campbell agreed to accept the amendment-provided Mr. Albert-Brown's name be inserted in place of Clarence Brown. The motion was approved and accepted. At this point the joint-committee adjourned and the Prudential Committee convened.

A letter was read from Mr. A. J. Small, asking to come to our Church favourably as a candidate, not knowing we had already secured a Pastor. Moved and carried that Miss Gladys Parker be requested to answer said letter, informing Mr. Small that our church is provided with a Pastor. There was discussion regarding the need of a new sink at the Parsonage and Mr. Albert Brown reported on prices of sinks.

Vacation for the Pastor was discussed and it was voted to leave the matter of granting of the Pastor several a vacation and to then be turned it, in the hands of the Church Clerk, and to bring the matter before the Church.
At the close of the meeting, Mr. Albert Brown tendered his resignation as Chairman of the Prudential Com.

Adjourned

Martha E. Strieter, Sec.

Oct. 2, 1924

A meeting of the Prudential Committee was called at the home of the Secretary, three members being present - Mr. Clarence Brown, Mr. B. S. Campbell and Mrs. M. E. Strieter. Mrs. Purbelle resignation as Church Pianist, to take effect October 1st. was read and accepted. It was then suggested that Mrs. Philip Brown be asked to play the organ on the following Sunday morning. Mrs. Strieter was authorized to call her on the phone and tell her of the suggestion of the committee. Mrs. Brown consented to play for one Sunday at least.
As wood was needed at the Church, Mr. Clarence Brown phoned Bert-Healey in reference to wood, price etc. The Committee voted to engage three cords at $7.00 per cord.
Mr. B. S. Campbell was authorized to look after the Parsonage heating plant, as it needed repairs, also the kitchen sink.

Adjourned.

M. E. Strieter, Clerk.

As Mrs. Philip Brown was a temporary organist, it was decided to ask Mrs. Eddie Knowlton to fill the position. Mr. S. C. Campbell and Mrs. Struter consulted with her, and secured her consent to play for Church morning services. The entire committee present voted to hire Mrs. Knowlton for the remainder of the year at the salary of 100.00 per year.

M. E. Struter. Sec.

Report of the Prudential Committee of the First Parish, 1925.

At the annual meeting of the Parish, the following Prudential Committee was elected. Mr. Wallace Moore, Mr. Clarence B. Brown, Mr. Orrin Hicks, Mr. Fred Bissell, and Mrs. Martha Streeter.

Jan. 14th. 1925

The Prudential Committee met with Mrs. Streeter with all present except Mr. Hicks. The committee was organized as follows.
Mr. Wallace Moore, Chairman —
Mrs. Streeter Clerk.
At this meeting it was voted to use the single envelopes for Church contributions.
Mr. Clarence Brown was authorized to buy one hundred envelopes.

The meeting adjourned.
Martha E. Streeter, Secretary.

March 9, 1925.

The Prudential Committee held a meeting at Mrs. Streeters. All present with the exception of Mr. Hicks and Mr. Clarence Brown. Mr. Brown coming after the adjournment sanctioned the following business.
Voted to permit Mr. Lawrence to remove the fallen down horse sheds on the south end of the west row, leaving two on the north end of the same row, and also leaving sufficient lumber to board up the open end of the west shed.
Voted to have, as soon as convenient the electric lights in the Church repaired and put into shape.

Adjourned.
Martha E. Streeter, Sec.

Report of the Prudential Committee
of the Faith-Parish. 1926.

At the Annual Parish meting held in the Church Parlor Jan. 8, the following Prudential Committee was elected.
Miss Gladys Webber, Mr. B. E. Campbell,
Mr. Clarence B. Brown, Mr. Wallace Moore,
Mrs. M. E. Streeter.
After the adjournment of the Parish Meeting, the Prudential Committe organized as follows.
Mr. Wallace Moore, Chairman.
Mrs. M. E. Streeter Clerk.
Miss Gladys Webber Assistant Clerk.

Voted to use the same envelope system for Church collections, and the same system as previously used for solicitations.

Voted to re-elect Mrs. Addie Knowlton for Church organist at the same salary.

The meeting adjourned.
M. E. Streeter, Clerk.

April 11, 1926.

The parish committe was called to gether by the chairman, Wallace Moore, all members being present except Mrs. Streeter. The matter of securing a vacancy permit from the Insurance Company, if the parsonage was discussed. It was decided to have Mr. Clarence Brown obtain such a permit if possible.
Voted that the treasurer ask L. J. Brainerd of the Palmer National Bank to re-invest money of the parish according to his best judgment. Mrs. Adelaide Knowlton's letter of resignation as church organist was read and accepted with deep regret.

Voted that the business of securing a supply or organist be brought up at a later meeting to be called by the chairmen of the parish and standing committee respectively.

Voted to adjourn.

Gladys L. Webber,
Assistant Sec.

April 17, 1926.

A joint meeting of the standing and parish committee was called at Rev. Edward Brown's. Mrs. F. Edgar Brown was asked to consider the offer of the position as church organist. If she did not accept it was voted that the chairman Edward Brown secure Mrs. Philip Brown if possible to fill the vacancy.

Voted that the assistant secretary send Mrs. Knowlton an expression of regret and appreciation for services rendered the church.

Voted to adjourn

G. L. Webber
Assistant Sec.

Apr. 21, 1926.

Special meeting of the standing com. and parish committee was held.

Voted that Mrs. F. Edgar Brown accept organist of the church.

Meeting adjourned.

G. L. Webber
Assistant Sec.

May 6, 1926.

A meeting was called by Chairman Wallace Moore to be held jointly with the Standing Committee of the Church. Voted that the Chairman have oversight of repairs necessary to be made on steeple.

Voted to adjourn

G. L. Webber
Assistant Sec.

A bill of $160. was presented by Mr. Authier for repairs on steeple, and some of the young people of the church and town having signified their willingness to help defray this added expence, the Prudential Com. voted to authorize Mr. Clarence Brown to ach as a com. to arrange with the young people to prepare an entertainment to raise money for this purpose.
A fine concert was given July 28.

Aug. 31, 1926.

A joint meeting of the standing Church com. and prudential com. was held at Mr. E. B. Brown's. The members present were Mr. W. Moore, Mr. E. B. Brown, Mr. B. E. Campbell, Miss Gladys Webber, and Mrs. Skeeter.
Miss Webber reported that Mr. + Mrs. Walter Corbin had expressed a willingness to give an illustrated lecture on scenes in the Conn. valley and vicinity and it was voted to accept their offer. The proceeds from the lecture were presented by Mr. + Mrs. Corbin to the Church to help defray expenses.
Voted to leave the date of the entertainment with Mr. Corbin
Voted to charge an admission of 50¢ for adults and 15¢ for children

Voted to leave all matters of arrangement with Miss Webber, also the printing of posters and tickets.

Voted to leave the matter of securing music for the entertainment with Mr. Wallace Moore with a suggestion that Mr. Chapell and Mr. Knowlton be invited to assist.

Voted to invite Mrs. Philip Brown to act as church organist for the remainder of the year, in the absence of Mrs. F. Sayer Brown, with the same salary.— and that she be requested to give a weeks notice, if for any reason she be prevented from acting in that capacity.

Moved to adjourn.

M. E. Shuster, Sec.

The following letter was received by the Prudential Com.

To the Prudential Com. of the First Parish or Cong'l Society.

We, the undersigned, a committee appointed at the regular adjourned meeting of the Parish, do recommend, first, that the Parsonage barn be sold at auction, to be taken down and removed by the buyer.

Second, that when necessary, a garage be made out of the No. end of the present ell of the Parsonage, by cutting a door and filling in the ground, so as to drive in from the west.

C. H. Robinson.
B. E. Campbell.
F. A. Lawrence, Clerk of Parish.

Sept. 18, 1926.

A prudential committee meeting was called in regard to the making of the garage at the Parsonage, and it was voted to employ Mr. Pelcher to do the carpenter work. Voted, also, to authorize Mr. Wallace Moore to attend to repairs on the electric light fixtures at the church.

Voted to adjourn.

W. E. Shuster, Sec.

Nov. 11, 1926.

The Prudential Com. held a meeting in the Church Vestry, at which there was more or less discussion regarding ways and means of raising money for church expenses for the coming year.

Voted to authorize Rev. Cecil Hays and Clarence B. Brown to arrange a campaign for raising such funds.

Moved to adjourn.

W. E. Shuster, Sec.

Report of Prudential Com. 1927.

January 7, 1927.

At the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Church Parlor, the following Prudential committee was elected.

Miss Gladys Webber,
Mr. Wallace Moore,
Mr. C. B. Brown
Mrs. M. E. Shieber
Mr. Charles H. Robinson.

After the adjournment of the Parish meeting, the Prudential Committee organized as follows.

Mr. Wallace Moore,	Chairman.
Mrs. M. E. Shieber	Clerk.
Miss Gladys Webber	assistant clerk.

Voted to adjourn.

Gladys Webber
assistant clerk.

March 22, 1927.

A meeting of the Prudential Committee was held at the home of the Secretary. The members were all present with the exception of Miss Gladys Webber. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. It was suggested that the dead trees on the church lawn and the fallen down horse sheds should be removed. Voted to authorize Mr. Wallace Moore to offer the wood and lumber to Mr. Lawrence for removal, or to make arrangements with other parties provided he did not care to undertake the work.

The Chimneys at the Parsonage were taken under consideration and it was voted to leave the matter of having them taken down

was roof repaired with Mr. Clarence Brown.
Voted to furnish paint for the painting of the study and kitchen at the Parsonage.
Also to hire some one to paper the study.

Voted to leave the matter of cleaning up the barn lot at the Parsonage with Mr. Charles Robinson.

Voted to have each member of the Committee get specifications from various sources for a steam heating plant for the Parsonage.

Adjourned.

M. E. Streeter, Clerk.

April 16, 1927.

The Prudential Committee met with the Secretary for the purpose of examining the specifications and estimates presented by various ones for a steam heater at the Parsonage.
It was decided to ask Mr. Fisher and Mr. Faulkner to estimate on the same size boiler, one size larger than mentioned in their estimates.
Voted to authorize Mr. Robinson and Mr. Moore to get the dimentions of the rooms and number of windows in each and with the specifications and figures presented, find, which in the opinion of the Smith Boiler Co., is the best estimate.

Adjourned.

M. E. Streeter, Clerk.

May 27, 1927.

The Prudential Committee met in the Grange Hall, Friday evening, with all the members present with the exception of Miss Gladys Webber. The meting was called for the purpose of considering the final estimates of those bidding for the contract to install a heating plant in the Parsonage. After due consideration a motion was made by Mrs. Streeter seconded by Mr. Clarence Brown that the work be assigned to Mr. Fisher of Palmer provided he would carry out all conditions mentioned in his estimate.

The meting was adjourned.
M. E. Streeter, Clerk.

June 21, 1927.

A meting of the Prudential Committee was called for the purpose of considering the re-investment of the $1000 Second Liberty loan and the Calumet Mortgages, according to the Suggestion of Mr. Brainerd of the National Palmer Bank. It was voted to invest the same in the Illinois Light and Power Co. Voted to hire some one to mow the Church lawn. Mr. Fulton Moore offered to clip around the trees and carry away the grass. Voted to have a new coat hook at the Parsonage. Rev. Mr. Hayes agreed to pay for the material for the floor. Voted to leave the appropriation of money to help finance the Choir's trip to the sea shore.

The meeting was adjourned.
Minnie E. Streeter
Clerk.

Report of the Prudential Com. 1928

Jan. 9. 1928.

At the annual Parish meeting held in the Church parlor Jan. 6th. the following Prudential Committee was chosen. viz.

Mr. Wallace Moore Mr. Clarence B. Brown,
Mrs. Ernest Elder. Mr. William Spooner,
Mrs. Martha Streeter.

Jan. 9. 1928.

A meeting of the Prudential Committee was called and organized as follows.

Mr. Wallace Moore was elected, Chairman and Mrs. M. Streeter, Clerk.

The need of a new stove for the vestry of the church was discussed, and acted upon. Voted to buy the Boy Stove advertised in Catalogue, and Mr. Moore was authorized to order the same. There was also discussion regarding the changing of the east side of the church roof.

Moved to adjourn.

M. S. Streeter, clerk.

March 12, 1928.

A Prudential Committee meeting was called at Mrs. Streeters. There were three present. viz. Mr. Moore Mr. Spooner and Mrs. Streeter.

Mr. Moore reported that Mr. Davis would furnish giant shingles for the church roof at $7.80 per thousand delivered in Brimfield. Mr. Robinson would furnish shingles at $5.20, delivered in Palmer, and would discount 56 cents from that price, provided he could get orders for a carload. Decided to ask Mr. Robinson to make a price on giant shingles, the report to be given at a meeting in the near future.

April 15, 1927.

The Prudential Committee met in the [illegible] meeting after the [illegible] service.

The object of the meeting was to discuss ways and means of raising money to defray cost of shingling and painting the church, and Voted unanimously to defray such expense either. Voted to accept this suggestion. Voted also to let the shingling out by contract, rather than by the day.

Voted to elect a committee of three to draft and send out circular letter. Rev. Gardner, Mrs. Streeter, Mrs. Elder and Mr. Freeman Norman. To help defray expenses of shingling, Mr. Fergus Ware to paint the trimmings. Voted to get prices for staging & shingles of the Thurlows.

Adjourned.

Marion E. Streeter, Clerk.

July 16, 1928.

The Prudential Committee meeting was held at Mrs. Streeter's with four present. Mrs. Elder was unable to attend.

Voted to engage Mr. Davis at his price of $110.00 to do the shingling of the church.

Ways and means of collecting the money for this work was again discussed.

The meeting adjourned.

M. E. Streeter, Clerk.

(Note.) The shingles were bought of Mr. Robinson.

Sept. 10, 1928.

Prudential Com. met in the eve. with Mrs. Streeter. The members were all present. Subject Church tax bill. Discussion on taking money [illegible] and [illegible] the hands of Mr. Norman. Decided to have [illegible] to matters to be presented by members of the Com. for [illegible] shingling. Adjourned.

M. E. Streeter

Report of the Prudential Com. 1929

Brimfield, Mass. Jan. 1929.

At the Annual Parish meeting held in the Church parlor Jan. 7. 1929. the following Prudential Committee was elected, viz.
Mr. Charles Wheeler, Mr. Wallace Moore,
Mr. William L. Spooner, Mr. Clarence B. Brown and Mrs. M. E. Streeter.

Brimfield, Mass., Feb, 27, 1929

The first meeting of the Prudential Committee was held Feb. 27. 1929, at the home of Mrs. Streeter with all members present.
At this meeting the Committee was organized as follows. — Mr. Moore as Chairman and Mrs. Streeter as Clerk.
Voted to canvas for money to pay insurance on Church property and to ask of the insurance agent a transfer from the Stock Companies to the Mutual. This request was willingly granted.
Voted to adjourn
Martha E. Streeter, Clerk.

Brimfield, May 27. '29.

The Prudential Committee met with Mrs. Streeter in the evening of May 27th. All members were present. The meeting was called for the purpose of considering the renting of the Parsonage to the engineer of the Wales mill.
Voted to rent the Parsonage for six months to Mr. Mahy for $25.00 per month.
Matters concerning repairs of Parsonage were discussed, but no definite action was taken.
Voted to adjourn.
M. E. Streeter, Clerk.

Brimfield, Mass., Oct. 1921.

The following document, dated Oct. 22, 1921 was drawn up and signed by the Prudential Committee.

We, the undersigned do hereby issue a permit to the Webster and Southbridge Gas and Electric Company to erect a pole in the rear of the Parsonage and for the Parsonage, grounds for the extension of electric light lines to the residence of Mr. Eugene Shutter.

M. E. Streeter, Clerk.

Brimfield, Mass., Dec. 1921.

The tenants of the Parsonage having expressed a wish to have a bathroom installed in the building, and having indicated a willingness to pay higher rent for said convenience, the matter was brought to the attention of each member of the Prudential Committee, altho no regular meeting was called. It was decided that this committee could take no action until the matter was brought before the Parish, which was done on the evening of Dec. 6th., when a committee of three, was elected to present estimates of the expense.

Respectfully submitted,
Martin E. Streeter, Clerk.

Report of the Prudential Committee of the First Parish, 1930

At the Annual meeting of the Parish, held in the Church Parlor Jan. 3, 1930 the following Prudential Com. was chosen, Mr. Wallace Moore Mr. Charles Streeter, Mr. Clarence Brown, Mr. William Spooner and Mrs. Martha Streeter.

Jan. 28, 1930

The Prudential Committee met at the home of the Clerk, with all members present. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Wallace Moore and the committee was organized as follows— Mr. Wallace Moore was elected Chairman and Mrs. W. S. Streeter Clerk. The contract for installing a bathroom in the Parsonage was presented. It was voted to authorize the Clerk, Mrs. Streeter to sign said documents.

Voted to adjourn

W. S. Streeter, Clerk.

April 14, 1930.

A joint meeting of the organ and Prudential Committee was held in the evening at the home of Mrs. Streeter, the purpose being to discuss the decorating of the Church Auditorium and the wiring for the new organ.

Mr. Arthur presented his plans for the walls and it was voted to leave the matter to his judgment.

Voted to have Mr. Spooner take the automobile clock to Palmer and place it in Mr. Bowles hands for repairs if it is found worth repairing.

Voted to engage Mr. Fiske of Palmer to do piping and connecting and Mr. Thompson to do wiring for the Church organ.

Voted to have the carpenter work and such painting as necessary on filling up the pulpit to the direction of Mrs. Authers. Voted to have Mr. Authers attend to the upholstering of the pulpit. A bulletin board having been suggested it was voted to leave this matter in the hands of Mr. Hill.

Mrs. Stiles was authorized to extend to Mrs. Carrie Brown Wash, in behalf of the Church, a vote of thanks for her generous gift towards the organ fund.

Mr. Hill, presented a form of thanks which would be suitable to send to those who have given to the organ fund and to the expenses of redecoration and Miss Isbell was authorized to confer with Mr. Burke Lewis in regard to the cost of printing such forms.

The meeting adjourned.

M. C. Stiles, Sec'y.

April 23, 1930.

The Prudential Committee met at the home of the Secretary. The members were all present. Mr. Authers helper having expressed a wish to purchase the lumber in the pews removed from the auditorium of the church, the matter was put to vote, and it was decided not to sell the lumber. Voted to sell three or four boards to Mr. Hill. Voted to sell the old church organ to Mrs. Knowlton for $10.00

Mr. Spooner reported that the church clock was repaired and in good running order. Voted that the Secretary send a vote of thanks to the Boy Scouts for raking the church lawn and to the Girl Scouts for furnishing a dinner for them.

Adjourned.

M. C. Stiles, Secy.

Sept. 29. 1830.

A Prudential Committee meeting was held at the house of the Secretary at which it was voted to rent the Parsonage to Mr. & Mrs. Fred C. Goodell till the first of January at $5.00 per month, and to paint and paper the hall and small bed room up stairs. Other repairs were to be considered at a future date.

Voted to employ Mr. Whitten to do the painting and papering.

The meeting adjourned.

W. F. Staveley. Clerk.

Report of the Prudential Committee
of the First Parish, 1931.

At the annual meeting of the Parish held at the church, Jan. 7, 1931 the following Prudential Committee was chosen, viz. Clarence B. Brown Charles H. Wheeler, William L. Spooner and Martha E. Streeter and Wallace P. Moore.

January 22, 1931.

The Prudential Committee met at Mrs. Streeter's and organized as follows -
Mr. Wallace Moore was elected chairman and Martha E. Streeter, clerk.
The question of insurance was discussed, and it was voted to authorize Mr. Clarence Brown to add one ~~hundred~~ thousand dollars to the insurance on the Parsonage.

Voted to continue renting the Parsonage indefinately upon the same terms as last year.

The meeting adjourned.
Martha E. Streeter, Clerk.

March 30, 1931.

A Prudential Committee meeting was called to discuss the question of installing a water heater in the Parsonage, the price estimated at $32.00
Voted to install a coal water heater.

The meeting adjourned.
Martha E. Streeter, Clerk.

Sebtember 10, 1931.

A meeting of the Prudential Committee was called at which meeting the members were all present with the exception of Mr. Spooner.

The subject under discussion was lightning rods for the church and repairs on steeple. Moved to authorize Lawler Service Co. to make repairs on church spire and to accept Mr. Sibley's offer on lightning rods. Voted to leave matter of extra insurance till later date.

Adjourned.

Martha E. Streeter, Clerk.

Sept. 17, 1931.

The Prudential Committee met with all members present.

This meeting was called to see about repairs on the Parsonage roof, which was leaking in many places.

Voted to get estimates on necessary shingles, also on materials needed for chimney repairs.

Voted to repair chimneys at the time the roof was repaired.

Adjourned

Martha E. Streeter, Clerk.

Report of the Prudential Committee.

January 7. 1932.

At the annual Parish Meeting held on the above date the following Prudential Committee was elected - viz. Mr. Charles Wheeler Mr. William Spooner Mr. Wallace Moore Clarence B. Brown and Martha E. Streeter.

February 4 1932.

At the meeting held at Mrs. Streeter's on this date, the Committee organized as follows. - Mr. Wallace Moore, Chairman and Mrs. Streeter, Secretary.
Mr. Wheeler was absent from this meeting. New shades being needed for the Parsonage windows, it was voted to authorize Rev. and Mrs. Mathews to select the number of shades needed, the price not to exceed 20¢ each.

Voted to authorize Mr. Wallace Moore to paint the Parsonage kitchen, and to repair electric light fixture in the kitchen.
Voted also to paper the dining room and paint stairway and window casings and to have new treads placed on the stairs if found necessary.

Voted to adjourn.

Martha E. Streeter
Clerk.

Report of the Prudential Committee
1933.

Jan. 7.

At the Annual meeting of the Parish held on the evening of the above date, the following Prudential Committee was elected.

Mr. Wallace Moore.
Mr. William Spooner.
Mrs. Martha Streeter.
Mr. Clarence B. Brown.
Mr. Charles Wheeler.

Jan. 12.

The Prudential Committee met with Mrs. Streeter on the evening of the above date, and organized as follows.

Mr. Wallace Moore — Chairman
Mrs. Martha E. Streeter, Secretary.

Bills were approved and signed and ways and means of raising money were discussed.

The meeting adjourned.

Martha E. Streeter, Clerk.

Report of the Prudential Committee
of the Parish 1934.

At the Parish meeting held at the church January 6, 1934 the following Prudential Committee was elected.

Mr. Wallace Moore
Mr. Chauncey B. Brown.
Mr. Charles Wheeler
Mr. William L. Spooner
Mrs. Martha E. Wheeler.

The Report of the Prudential Committee of the Parish for 1935.

At the Parish meeting held in the Church Parlor January 7 1935 the following Prudential Committee was elected.

Mr. Wallace Moore
Mr. Clarence Brown
Mr. Charles Streeter
Mr. William L. Spooner
Mrs. Martha E. Streeter.

Feb. 28, 1935

The Prudential Committee met at the home of Mrs. Streeter with three members present. At this meeting Mr. Wallace Moore was chosen Chairman and Mrs. Streeter Sec.

Conditions concerning the sale of the horse sheds were discussed and it was voted best to allow the purchasers a little more time in fulfilling the conditions of the deed.

Mr. Moore reported purchasing a new bell rope for $2.00.

Suggestions of selling the Parsonage were made

Voted to authorize the Chairman to approach Mr. Belcher in regard to a sale of said Parsonage.

Moved to adjourn.

Martha E. Streeter.
Sec.

May 4, 1935.

The Prudential Committee met with Mr. Wallace Moore the Chairman. The Secretary, Mrs. Shuter being absent the minutes of the meting were reported by the Chairman.
At this meeting it was voted to purchase fifteen shares of Bell Telephone stock with money derived from sale of Liberty Loan Bonds and the $150 given to the Parish by Mrs. Emma Brown.
The meeting adjourned.
Mr. Moore, Sec. Pro Tem.

Aug. 5, 1935.
The Prudential Committee met with Mrs. M. S. Shuter. There were four members present at the business session.

Upon recommendation of Delmar Bank it was voted to purchase an Insurance Bond and U. S. Bonds with the remaining $100 to be expended.
The meeting adjourned.
Marcia S. Shuter, Sec.

Report of the Prudential Committee for 1936.

At the Parish meeting held at the church Jan. 8, 1936 the following Prudential Committee was elected viz:

Mr Wallace Moore.
Mr. Clarence Brown,
Mr. Charles Wheeler
Mr. William L. Spooner
Mrs. Martha E. Streeter.

March 23, 1936.

The Prudential Committee met at the home of Mrs. Streeter. The members were all present. The Committee organized with Mr. Wallace Moore chairman, and Mrs. Streeter, Secretary. Several items of business were brought up.
First — the need of better lights in the vestry. It was voted to replace the old fixtures with those stored in the church attic.
Second — the painting of the vestry settees. Moved and voted that the Prudential Committee take this in charge, and furnish the paint, and enlist the necessary help.
Third, that the repairing of the entrance platform at the church be left in the hands of the Chairman of the Committee.
Fourth — that the contract made by the purchaser of the horsesheds be completed, and that this matter be left in the hands of the Chairman of the Committee managing the sale.

Voted to adjourn.

Martha E. Streeter, Sec.

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William DeHooner, Clerk.
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$150 , $10.00 owed

Voted that the annual canvas for funds for the support of the Church be conducted the same as last year except that the trustees and Standing Committee of the Church act as a combined committee; meeting of this committee to be at the home of Chairman Clark on the evening of Sunday, 45 o'clock,
p.m.
Clerk.